

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 22, 1985

PRESENT

Grant S. Nielson	Mayor
Craig Greathouse	Council Member
Ruth Hansen	Council Member
Gayle Bunker	Council Member
Neil Dutson	Council Member
Don Dafoe	Council Member

ABSENT

Warren Peterson	City Attorney
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OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Allan	City Manager
Dorothy Jeffery	City Recorder
Bryce Ashby	Fire Chief
Robyn Pearson	County Administrator
Warren Jensen	County Commissioner
Michael Styler	County Commissioner

Mayor Grant Nielson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Dorothy Jeffery, Delta City Recorder, acted as secretary. Mayor Nielson stated that the notice of the meeting time, place and agenda were posted at the principal office of the governing body located at 76 North 200 West and was provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, the Millard County Gazette, the local radio station, KNAK, and to each member of the City Council by personal delivery 24 hours prior to the meeting.

NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACT WITH MILLARD COUNTY CONCERNING BUILDING INSPECTOR

The City Council members, along with County Commissioners Warren Jensen and Michael Styler and Millard County Administrator Robyn Pearson, reviewed the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Building Inspections within Delta City.

Following a review of the agreement, Council Member Neil Dutson suggested that the contract be more specific in defining the duties of the Building Inspector, such as plan checks prior to building inspections, zoning enforcement, and building violation enforcement.

Mr. Pearson said that the Building Inspector would not be involved in the issuing of building permits or the collecting of revenue but he would determine what the fees for the inspections would be when the plan check is done.

Mayor Nielson said that he, Jim Allan, and Neil Dutson would again review the contract and make the needed changes and return it to Millard County for the final draft.

The Council Members concurred with the Millard County officials that Jerry Reagan, Building Inspector, should be making inspections on the new Delta Community Medical Center while the agreement is being considered.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH MILLARD COUNTY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Mayor Nielson said that he has concerns regarding fire protection, in that Delta City budgeted for fire protection services to Millard County. The budget was approved and then Millard County said they would only pay for fire protection with proper documentation of expenses. Mayor Nielson said that he feels there is a need for a contract with Millard County for fire protection.

Millard County Commissioner Warren Jensen said that some of the items that are paid for in the fire department are things that Millard County has never agreed to pay, such as health insurance and wages. He also said that Millard County cannot afford to pay health insurance on all its volunteer help and did not want to set a precedent by paying health insurance to the Delta volunteer firemen.

Millard County Administrator Robyn Pearson asked, "If Millard County were to contract with Delta City for fire protection services, would Millard County have any say in the decision making process?" Council Member Craig Greathouse said that he feels that Chief Bryce Ashby should have total say on what happens with the fires and how they are handled. Mr. Greathouse said that he felt that Millard County should have input on cost, where the money is coming from and how it is being distributed.

Mr. Pearson said that he has reviewed a contract used by the State of Iowa. The contract has a very simple, easy formula for operation and maintenance of a fire district. The contract takes into account the assessed value, the number of fires, and the population. Mr. Pearson said that each city in Millard County has adopted an area surrounding its boundaries under which it offers protection to Millard County and for which Millard County pays. Mr. Pearson said that using the Iowa formula, Millard County would take the accumulative assessed value of the area to be protected, take the population of that area and the number of fires that incurred in that area and that would be the percentage of the fire budget adopted by the Board. Mr. Pearson felt that the percentage would be fair and equitably adjusted based on the activity, population adjustments, and the assessed value to be protected within that boundary. He also said that the benefits of this formula are that every property owner in Millard County pays the same amount without paying into the Delta City Budget and the Millard County Budget. He feels that establishing a Fire District takes the politics out of fighting fires and that Millard County and Delta City need to be a resource to one another rather than fighting with one another and boundaries need to be dropped and the volunteerism concept needs to be kept so that the fire department heritages can be preserved.

Mayor Nielson said that Delta City's contract with Intermountain Power Project states that if Delta City goes into a taxing district within one year, Delta City would have to allow a tax credit for IPP's money for up to \$200,000.00 worth of fire equipment.

Mr. Pearson said that if a fire district is formed, a fire board would be established consisting of Fire Chiefs, Millard County representatives and Delta City representatives. The Board cannot change the formula, but they would make up the budget, decide on policies and recommend the adoption of the Uniform Fire Code throughout Millard County, etc.

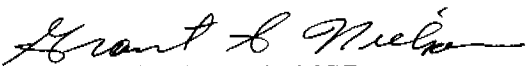
Council Member Neil Dutson said that the reason that Delta City did not join the District before was because there was a deadline to be met and there were too many unanswered questions at that time.

Following a lengthy discussion of fire protection, Mayor Nielson suggested that the Iowa formula needs to be investigated by Delta City.


Mayor Nielson asked if there were any further comments or items to be discussed. Commissioner Warren Jensen discussed the Cemetery Road Project, where the road should be place and what portion of the construction costs would be Delta City's and what portion would be Millard County's.

Commissioner Jensen proposed that Millard County employees work on the road on Fridays and Saturdays and build the road base, working at time and one-half for labor and cost for fuel to do Delta City's share of the road.

Mayor Nielson asked if there were any further comments or questions or items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Neil Dutson MOVED to adjourn. Council Member Craig Greathouse SECONDED the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


GRANT S. NIELSON, Mayor

Attest:


DOROTHY JEFFERY
Delta City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: October 21, 1985